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## IN THIS LAND OF OURS

**"MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE"** was the title of the editorial which won the Pulitzer Prize this year. It was written by Ronald Calvert, associate editor of the Portland "Oregonian."

The title of the editorial is enough to stir the patriotism of any American. More intriguing is the manner of presentation, which in substance follows:

"In this land of ours, the man we choose as our leader at no time dons uniform or insignia to denote his position as commander-in-chief of armed forces.

"In this land of ours, the average citizen sees so little of the army that he has not learned to distinguish between a major and a lieutenant from his shoulder straps.

"In this land of ours, there is no tramp of military boots to entertain the visiting statesmen.

"In this land of ours, there is no fortification along the several thousand miles of the northern border.

"In this land of ours, no youth is conscripted to labor on devices of defense. Military training he may take or leave at option.

"In this land of ours, one-third of the population is foreign born, or native-born of foreign or mixed parentage. The foreign-born of races that assimilable are admitted to all privileges if they want them.

"In this land of ours, the common citizen may criticize without restraint the policies of Government or the aims of the chief executive.

"In this land of ours, our songs are dedicated to love and romance, the blue of the night, sails in the sunset, and not to might or to a martyrdom to a political cause. In lighter patriotism we are nationally cosmopolitan and sing of Dixie or of Ioway where the tall corn grows, of springtime in the Rockies or of California, here I come.

"In this land of ours, there is not a bomb-proof shelter and a gas mask is a curiosity.

"In this land of ours, troubles, present and prospective, come from within—come from our own mistakes and injure us alone.

"In this land of ours, we have illuminated the road to permanent peace. But that is not the sole moral sought

herein to be drawn. Rather it is that the blessings of liberty and equality and peace that have been herein recounted are possessed nowhere in the same measure in Europe or Asia, and wane or disappear as one nears or enters a land of dictatorship of whatever brand. This liberty, this equality, this peace, are imbedded in the American form of government.

"We shall ever retain them if foreignisms that would dig them out and destroy them are barred from our shores. If you cherish this liberty, this equality, this peace that is peace material and peace spiritual—then defend with all your might the American ideal of government."

This is an editorial that should be printed in conspicuous type and hung up in every school room in the country.



## DO YOUNG MEN STILL SEEK TO ENTER MASONRY?

THE all too frequent assertion that young men have not become members of the Masonic Fraternity in recent years has been challenged by Earl B. Delzell in an article in the October issue of the Bulletin for the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

Mr. Delzell's statistics, assembled from the Annual Returns to the Grand Lodge from the Secretaries of the subordinate lodges of Iowa for 1938, are both reassuring and heartening to say the least. They reveal, for instance, that there were more candidates for Masonry in that state under 32 years of age than there were over that age; and there were more candidates 23 years of age who petitioned for the Blue Degrees in Iowa than of any other age. Of the 2,075 who thus petitioned in 1938, only 411 were over 40 years of age.

Mr. Delzell's disclosures are interesting in several other respects. They show that rural folk petition for the Masonic Degrees at a younger age than do city folk; that the four largest cities in Iowa initiate more candidates 56 years of age than all the rest of the state; that the age of entrance varies with the size of the city, and that the most popular age of entrance is 23 in Northeast Iowa, while age 30 is more popular in Southeastern and Central Iowa.

## TIN FOIL DEPOSITORIES

THE following Nobles have offered their place of business as collecting stations for tin foil for the Crippled Children's Fund:

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## THE HOSPITAL CHILDREN ARE STAMP COLLECTORS

NOBLE Roy Barker of Palestine Temple, says that the children at the Shriners' Hospital go into ecstasies on receiving postage stamps. Noble Barker has brought joy to their faces many times by bringing them small packages of stamps.

He will be glad to distribute any that are sent to him, so send them along if you have any to spare. His address is 914 Chestnut Street, Springfield.



## AIN'T IT THE TRUTH?

Weep, and you're called a baby;  
Laugh, and you're called a fool;  
Yield, and you're called a coward;  
Stand, and you're called a mule.  
Smile and they'll call you silly;  
Frown and they'll call you gruff;  
Put on a front like a millionaire,  
And somebody'll call your bluff.



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THE officers of Aleppo Temple and the Staff of THE ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS wish to take this opportunity to thank the Nobles and friends who have shown their interest in our organization through the purchase of advertising in the columns of our magazine.

This interest on their part is greatly appreciated and to them we extend the Season's Greetings with the wish that the year 1940 will bring them much Happiness and Prosperity.



### THE CARAVAN HEADS SOUTH

ABOUT this time every year we receive many requests from Nobles to have their mail forwarded to them, for the winter season, to a warmer climate, usually somewhere in the sunny state of Florida.

This year is no exception and the following are some of the Nobles who may check up on each other for the next two or three months, while they are enjoying fresh picked oranges and visiting the Shrine Temples and Shrine Clubs in that state.

Noble William Hamilton of Clinton writes:

"That I may keep informed as to the doings of Aleppo during the coming cold dreary days of winter, will you kindly forward the News to 723 Fourth Avenue, North, Petersburg."

He failed to say whether he meant Massachusetts or Florida when he spoke of "cold dreary winter days." However, as we write this it is ten above outside, so perhaps he was only guessing?

Noble Charles J. Tower of Hudson asks to have his mail forwarded to 1033 Grove Street, N., St. Petersburg, until May 1.

Noble Herbert A. Stockbridge of Boston asks to have the ALEPPO NEWS sent to him at 635—29th Avenue, N., St. Petersburg.

Noble Burton W. Prince of Ashburnham, writes: "For the winter my address will be 2737½ Central Avenue, St. Petersburg—until about April 1."

Noble William Hiltz writes us from 627 Douglas Avenue, Dunedin, Florida to say:

"We are having a wonderful time down here. Lots of sunshine days but the nights have been cool.

"Egypt Temple in Tampa is getting ready to have a wonderful time in February. I have been invited to participate in their parade and Mrs. Hiltz has been invited to the outdoor banquet. We anticipate a good time as they are wonderful entertainers here."

Noble Roland D. A. Thompson asks to have his Shrine card sent to him at Boca Ciega Inn, St. Petersburg. It looks like he wishes to attend some of those nice times the St. Petersburg Shrine Club has for the Nobles.

Noble Henry T. G. Dyson of Hudson is at the Ponce de Leon Hotel in St. Pete.

It appears like Noble William H. Shepard of Somerville expects to stay some time as he asks to have the ALEPPO NEWS and other Shrine mail sent to him at Pinnelas Park, Florida until further notice.

A letter received just before Christmas from Noble I. C. Ogden of 119 Second Avenue, North, St. Petersburg, tells of an unusual way of celebrating. Noble Ogden says:

"The weather has been a little cool for here but glorious.

"The city is all lighted up for the Christmas holidays. There is an electric car with over 800 bulbs on it which makes trips over all the different routes in the city. Each night a different day school class rides in the car and sings carols. It makes a very pretty sight.

"Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Noble Charles H. Smallhoff of Hyannis is stopping at Hotel Esther Bush, St. Petersburg.

Noble James E. Anderson of Hingham has changed his address to 925—23rd Avenue, N., St. Petersburg.

Noble Warren A. Spurr, who operates the "Spurr Apartments" at 2454 S. W. 10th Street in Miami writes to tell us that Aleppo will be well represented on Shriners' Day in Miami. He advises us that 61 Temples were represented at a Shrine affair in Miami on Tuesday night, December 19.

Noble Theodore S. Nickerson of Provincetown is located at 836—9th Street, So., St. Petersburg. He writes our Recorder the following:

"Three couples from Massachusetts are leaving here tomorrow for a five day trip to Miami and Key West.

"I meet a large number of Aleppo Nobles here and we are all having a good time. We enjoy the News very much as it gives us a lot of news about what you are doing back home.

"We are here until the first of April."

Noble Eugene A. Richardson of Boston is located at 448—9th Avenue, N., St. Petersburg and Noble Arthur E. Linnell has changed his address to 719—7th Street, N., in the same city.

Nobles, we hope you enjoy your visit in the Sunny South, and wish we could be with you for a short time, although we do enjoy our good old New England Winter.

### CHILDREN IN SHRINE HOSPITAL FROM ALEPPO'S JURISDICTION

THE recent reports received from the Shrine Hospital at Springfield show that at the present time there are twelve children in the Hospital from Aleppo Temple's jurisdiction. The report also shows that there are 121 on the waiting list ready for admittance when other children are discharged.

Since the Hospital opened there have been 4,857 children admitted to the Hospital, and 46,831 visits have been made to the out-patient department.

At the present time there are 61 children in the hospital including the following twelve from Aleppo:

Vincent Biscaglia—Worcester  
Francis Concordia—Worcester  
Robert Huse—Lowell  
John Kaminski—Fall River  
Robert Packish—Edgartown  
Joseph Spatafora—Leominster  
Gordon Atkinson—W. Somerville  
Richard Carlson—Worcester  
Geraldine Blood—Leominster  
Mildred Bradbury—Fall River  
Arlene Irwin—W. Somerville  
Judith McGrail—Worcester



### TOPS THE RECORD

A RECENT Associated Press dispatch from Richmond, Virginia, printed in a Boston paper gave a very interesting account of the art of the "Dropkick" in football. The article said:

"The dropkick might be almost extinct in college football but it flourished on the undefeated Masonic home prep team here this Season.

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### THE HAPPIEST MAN

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The Recorders of Temples shall mail a notice of the annual session and election to all members of the Temples at least one week prior to date of said election, and said notice shall contain this section.





BY NOBLE J. ARTHUR MCCOY  
Associate Editor

**A**NOTHER year is past. It has been a good year for the patrol, an active year—with a little more accomplished and more good times—with a new attendance record set up.

The annual patrol party, December 15, was the most enjoyable for years and our thanks go to Potentate Curry and Major Vaughan and to Noble Gordon Chapman for his excellent colored movies of the Baltimore trip. 'Twas good to have the members of the divan with us.

Those stories told by Gardiner Wilson, Jr. were interesting tales. Some of Gardiner's friends in his own Ward 16 gave him a testimonial banquet in appreciation of his fine efforts in their interest for so many years. I understand that many famous people were there, including Governor Saltonstall, Congressman McCormack and Nobles Carter, Ells, McStay, Weeks and Shannon of the Patrol.

At the meeting of St. Omer Commandery, December 18, Eminent Sir "Russ" Lynn and his Sir Knights were honored by a visit from Potentate "Jim" Curry, Treasurer Frank Morrill, High Priest and Prophet Lionel G. H. Palmer and Nobles Louis Aronson, "Jim" Babcock, "Dick" Gunnerson and Rt. Em. Sir Charles White. Louis Aronson is a member of Boston Commandery, Jim Babcock, of Beauseant, Dick Gunnerson, of a Brooklyn Commandery, and Charlie White, as everybody knows, is Past Grand Commander of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Charlie entertained at the piano during the social hour and he and our Potentate inspected the Commandery during inspection and review rehearsal.

I am sure that all the members are delighted to learn of Noble Earl Pierce's promotion to the office of General Passenger Agent of the New York Central System. Starting as ticket clerk in 1908 in Springfield, he was advanced step by step to General Passenger Agent of the B. & A. R.R., succeeding Noble Walter Barrows, two years ago—and now, to be a top railroad official. He has been in charge of all our long trips for years and is popular with everyone. We shall hate to have him leave Boston, but we are proud of him and of his abilities.

Noble Walter Duncan, until recently a member of the second platoon, has just been appointed D. D. G. High Priest of the first capital district.

We are glad to hear that Noble George Daland of the first platoon is home from the Baker Memorial Hospital, where he has had a serious operation. He will probably be confined to his home throughout January and I know he will be glad to see the members and to hear from them. He lives at 16 Aborn Avenue, Wakefield.

Noble Fred Wegener has left Boston for his winter business in Florida. Good luck, Fred, we'll be seeing you in the spring.

In behalf of the patrol members, I extend best wishes to every member of Aleppo for a Prosperous and Happy Year throughout 1940.

Wedding bells will ring out for Noble John Wendell Woodworth, one of the youngest and newest members of the first platoon, January 26, 1940, at Reading, Pennsylvania. John is better known as "Jack" Woodworth to the patrol boys and is connected with the United States Post Office at Concord, Mass.

Jack, as you know, was intercollegiate quarter mile champion while at college. The lucky girl, Gene Atwood, is also an athlete. She is state tennis and swimming champion. Miss Atwood is the daughter of that famous New England Yankee Scientist, Harry Atwood, Inventor and Aviator.

We learn that "Ben" James, who is President of the Yankee Division Memorial Club of Boston, has been appointed National Chairman of the 1940 Y. D. Convention—a good man for the job. "Ben" recently visited the Governor at the State House and discussed plans for the Spring sessions at the Copley Plaza Hotel.

Lieutenant William L. Aldrich of the Staff had his picture in the paper recently, showing him presenting a sheet of imperforate Christmas seals to Mr. DeWindt who was high bidder for the sheet in an auction presided over by our "Bill." The sheet of seals was autographed by that well-known designer, Rockwell Kent, and was auctioned off at the headquarters of the Boston Tuberculosis Association.



#### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

**P**laces for assemblage often have specific designation. For instance:

- A Symbolic Lodge meets in a Lodge;
- A Commandery meets in an Asylum;
- A Chapter meets in a Chapter;
- A Council meets in a Council;
- A Legion meets in a Post;
- A Spanish Vet meets in a Camp;
- A National Guard meets in an Armory;
- A Maccabee meets in a Tent;
- A Veiled Prophet meets in a Grotto;
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- A Rainbow Girl meets in an Assembly;
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#### ALEPPO STAG NIGHT DRAWS 10,000 SPECTATORS

**B**EFORE a capacity crowd of over 10,000 Shriners and their friends, Noble Gus Sonnenberg, former World's Championship Wrestler, defeated Lord Albert Mills of England, in the main event of the 5th Annual Stag Night of Aleppo Temple, held at Mechanics Building, Friday, December 8. Noble "Gus," who had previously received a great ovation from the crowd when he entered the ring wearing his Aleppo fez, took his opponent in two straight falls.

In addition to the main bout there were other matches consisting of top notch wrestlers of the country, including the well known former World's Champion Marvin Westenberg and Leo Numa.

The Aleppo Temple Band, under the direction of Walter M. Smith, gave a one hour concert before the show and played popular tunes between the matches.

The program was under the direction of Noble Paul F. Bowser, Director of Aleppo Temple. Noble Samuel O. Smith and Charlie Donnell did the refereeing.

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The Shrine is founded and lives on by reason of an active membership which contributes to the expense required to keep the organization alive and allow it to maintain its desirability, and the man who holds out that he is one of that active group should always be ready to show his current card.

The moral sought to be inculcated by this tale is:

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BY VAIL K. HAAK  
Associate Editor

**A** BELATED Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year—but let me explain I work on a daily newspaper and it is tough enough to get out copy, but a monthly magazine, that is another thing.

Now to get down to the task of the league:

Rogers' team still is hanging on to the league by the slightest of margins and Halliday's team (of all teams) is pressing them, one point behind. (That is the team I am on of all things). The irony of it is that team 6 and team 4 are tied with us, but we are in the driver's seat due to our bigger pin-fall.

Here are the first ten bowlers in our league to fulfil the promise of last month's magazine. No parts of points counted. Greig 105; Gordon 104; Jones 102; Chase 101; Kerr 100; Haak 98; Stolar 98; Halliday 98; Hill 97; Robbins 97. I should mention Rogers but he was eleventh and he was 97, but as a reporter I stick to my word.

The night of December 21, the sound of pins dropping was overshadowed by the gobble of turkeys. I did not win one but I will say that I tried. Here are the winners: Dyer—a low, but dangerous bowler — 129, for High String; Jim Greig—a bowler to be counted on—High Three String; a screwy game the game of odds won by a newcomer—and a fine bowler — Harold Chase; and last but not least, a feller who deserves it, a real family man that can bowl the winner of the "Evens," Andy Hill. . . . By the way, Andy, where are you every night till 8.05—Putting the babies to bed? Pardon me, but that crack has been over a year coming.

I heard off the record: that John Eaton made a wish to Santa Claus, that his team would get out of last place, and at the same time Rogers wished that his team would stay in first place. The first wish might come true with the addition of Harry Gordon to the roster, but I have my doubts about the second wish as my team, which is red hot now, bowls them this week with the result to be history at the time of this reading.

Our team in the Amateur Boston Pin League is now resting in fifth place. Ready to do better with the addition of two bowlers with the caliber of Harry Gordon and Harold Chase.

## SOUTH SHORE NEWS

BY NOBLE GEORGE A. RHODES  
Associate Editor

**H**ONORS are coming the way of Nobles in this district. A. Kenneth Martin, Past Commander of South Shore K. T., and member of the Scottish Rite, has been appointed Commander of the Ninth Division in the Knights Templars.

Noble Clark H. Overhiser, who went in Aleppo in the big class, is now Worshipful Master of Wollaston Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He was installed in December at a public ceremony largely attended. Mr. Overhiser retires from the office of Patron in Wollaston Eastern Star this month, having served the past year.

J. Frederick Price, a past officer in all the Masonic bodies in Masonic Temple, East Weymouth, and Mrs. Price, have gone to Florida until March. His friends missed him at the Scottish Rite this past month. He will also miss the annual meeting in Aleppo this month. Fred has a couple of sons who should be heading into the Shrine.

The fraternal orders of Quincy are buying an "iron lung" for the Quincy City Hospital. The "Jamoakeegans," a group of nurses, held a dance and started the fund. The Kiwanians kicked in with five per cent. The Rainbow Girls voted \$25 dollars from their Sunshine Fund. Dr. Joseph P. Leone, superintendent of the hospital and president of Kiwanis, is to be a guest of Rainbow, January 13, and receive the check. He will tell the young women something of the work at the hospital.

Lodges sponsoring Rainbow and DeMolay would do well to study the Parents clubs in Quincy. One was started two years ago for the Rainbow. It made a hit. You well know, Nobles, that fathers think their girls are the candy kids. Well the mothers have a fairly good idea the sons are good bets and they backed a DeMolay Parents club. This brings the parents into the work. They serve the refreshments every night that either group has initiation. It has brought the fathers and mothers together in a social way and they are getting acquainted with parents of boys and girls with whom their sons and daughters associate.

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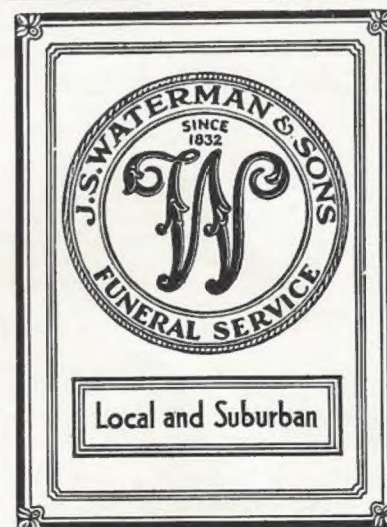
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BY CHARLES C. FEARING  
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## "I BET YOU TELL THAT TO ALL THE GIRLS"

THE burning question of the hour is "Have you done your Christmas swapping early?" Personally we have nothing to trade, being well satisfied with what Santa Claus left for us. Only we do wish the jovial old chap had taken pity on the band and brought a few new uniforms for the boys, as some of the said uniforms look lousy, to be real frank about the matter. And that reminds us—this is the first time in ten years that we did not have to comb out the old white wig and whiskers and don the little red suit. But the usual festivities where we paid a return engagement each year, passed up the celebration this time so we were out of a job.

The Shrine "Stag" party was a great success, with a big crowd in attendance. The band gave a concert from 7 to 8 o'clock, and it seemed to us that the audience was more appreciative of our efforts than usual. The boys did a good job, and when the mat performers took a little respite from their grunts and groans the band piped up between rounds with a few tuneful ditties, including "The Beer Barrel Polka."

We understand Noble Roy Cummings, who toots one of those humorous instruments called a "Sax" for short, has achieved new honors, having been elevated to the position of Ill. Master of Napathli Council R. & S. M. (We don't know whether this is the name or not as the information came to us through a party not a member of the craft). Congratulations, Noble Cummings, and should we ever visit your Council we hope you won't fire us out. We came near "throwing" Roy out of the car on his ear down in Miami, Florida, a few years ago, when he came into the car one night dressed in "civies" and we did not recognize him. Happily for both of us he identified himself just in time.

We were very sorry to hear that the good wife of Noble "Bill" Bucknam had to go to the hospital for an operation. Mrs. Bucknam has been on several trips with the band and proved a genial companion and a good sport. We extend to her our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

News was so darned scarce this month, what with Christmas and everything, that we tried to duck this issue. But "ye editor-in-chief" wouldn't have it. He sez, sez he, "What will the Nobility say if we issue the 'mag' with that column blank?" On the quiet we think that was a lot of bologna. He just wanted to inflate our ego and make us feel that we were an important cog in the journalistic wheel of the News. As the song says—"I bet you tell that to all the girls." But we fell for it just the same.

When this issue reaches the Nobility the old year of 1939 will have passed into oblivion and become just a memory. Well, it might have been worse but let us hope 1940 will be a whole lot better. Of course we will make a lot of good resolutions and then promptly forget 'em. But it is better to have tried and failed than not to have tried at all. There is one good resolution you guys in the band can make and not forget, and that is to take a renewed interest in the band functions and do your bit toward making it a success.

Don't forget when dating letters, etc., write it 1940, not 1939. And with this parting shot I'll simply say, "Happy New Year to you, and you, and you, and may you have many of them."



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